



PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 1197-261

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:	)
Tomotaka Hashimoto et al.	) ) Group Art Unit: To be Assigned
Application No.: 10/561,182	) Examiner: To be Assigned
Filed: December 16, 2005	, ) )
For: Membrane Cartridge, Membrane Separating Device, and Membrane Separating Method	Confirmation No.: To be Assigned )
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	
Sir:	

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.